



# WASHINGTON POTATOES

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## PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 35,880 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to January 1, 2005, 2,250 thousand cwt. less than the 38,130 thousand cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 2,640 thousand cwt. less than the 38,520 thousand cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to January 1, 2006 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 31.0 percent of the 2005 production. Processing in the nine processing states totaled 81,675 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to January 1, 2006, 5.0 percent below the same period last year. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 15,995 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes.

### FALL POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, SELECTED STATES, 2004 & 2005 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<b>1,000 Cwt</b>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960						
Maine 2/	2004-05			1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06 3/			1,290	1,805						
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06 3/	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,880						
Other States 4/	2004-05			12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06 3/			11,820	15,030						
TOTAL	2004-05			70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06 3/			66,010	81,675						
Dehydrated 5/	2004-05			14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06 3/			12,180	15,995						

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ December 2005 revised.

4/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

## POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on January 1, 2006 were estimated at 46,000 thousand cwt., 3,000 thousand cwt. more than the 43,000 thousand cwt. in storage on January 1, 2005. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 49,480 thousand cwt. compared with 50,810 thousand cwt. in 2005.

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## January Potato Stocks Down 7 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 219 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2006, down 7 percent from last year and 6 percent below January 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 10 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 86 percent russets, with a smaller percentage of reds and long whites but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago for comparable States.

Western States held 156 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, down 5 percent from last year. Idaho's potato stocks are down 12 percent from last year, Colorado's potato sheds stored 11 percent less than in 2005, stocks in Montana are 3 percent below last season, and California's stocks decreased 43 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are up 14 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 7 percent more than last season.

Central States accounted for 49.5 million cwt of potato stocks on January 1, down 14 percent from last year for comparable States. Minnesota's potato stocks decreased 4 percent from last year, Wisconsin's stocks are down 7 percent from 2005, Nebraska's potato sheds stored 8 percent less than last season, and stocks in North Dakota are 35 percent below January 1, 2005. Michigan potato sheds stored 2 percent more than last year.

Eastern States stored 13.8 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, down 4 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds hold 10 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 44 percent from a year ago.

### FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, WASHINGTON & 15 FALL STATES, 2000-2005

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
WASHINGTON			<b>1,000 Cwt</b>					
2000	105,000	59,000	52,000	44,500	37,500	29,500	21,500	13,000
2001	94,400	53,000	46,000	40,000	32,500	25,000	18,000	10,000
2002	92,340	50,000	43,500	38,500	30,500	23,000	16,500	9,000
2003	93,150	51,000	44,000	38,000	29,500	21,500	15,000	7,000
2004	93,810	50,000	43,000	36,500	29,000	22,000	15,500	8,000
2005	95,480	52,000	46,000	-	-	-	-	-
15 STATES 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,110	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 2/	372,581	251,800	218,900	-	-	-	-	-

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ December 1, 2005 stocks revised.

### PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON JANUARY 1, 2005 AND JANUARY 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004				CROP OF 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2005	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION		PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2006	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<b>1,000 Cwt.</b>		<b>Percent</b>		<b>1,000 Cwt.</b>		<b>Percent</b>
California	3,648	2,300	63		3,240	1,300	40
Colorado	23,791	15,800	66		22,292	14,000	63
Idaho	131,970	84,500	64		116,975	74,500	64
Maine 2/	19,065	12,800	67		15,736	11,500	73
Michigan 2/	13,650	6,300	46		13,920	6,400	46
Minnesota	18,920	11,600	61		17,630	11,100	63
Montana 2/	3,551	3,400	96		3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288	5,300	57		8,245	4,900	59
New York	5,184	1,600	31		5,226	2,300	44
N. Dakota	26,765	17,500	65		20,500	11,300	55
Ohio 3/	1,080	100	9				
Oregon	19,775	14,500	73		22,023	16,500	75
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640	1,100	42				
Washington	93,810	43,000	46		95,480	46,000	48
Wisconsin	30,450	16,900	56		27,880	15,800	57
15 State Total 2/ 4/	403,587	236,700	59		372,581	218,900	59

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ December 1, 2005 stocks revised. 3/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005. 4/ Thirteen states for the 2005 crop.